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SUBJ: MILITARY INTELLIGENCE CHIEF NAMED AMBASSADOR TO LEBANON

1. PRESS APRIL 16 CONFIRMS LONG-STANDING RUMOR WITH ANNOUNCEMENT THAT BRIGADIER (JUST RETIRED) MIRGHANI SULIMAN KHALIL, DIRECTOR OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, APPOINTED SUDANESE AMBASSADOR TO LEBANON.

2. OUR BEST GUESS IS THAT PRESIDENT NIMEIRI, FREQUENTLY AGITATED BY REPUTEDLY COMMUNIST-INSPIRED PROPAGANDA AND ATTACKS ON HIS REGIME IN CERTAIN BEIRUT PRESS ORGANS, WANTS TO HAVE A PROFESSIONAL INTELLIGENCE TYPE ON THE SPOT TO WATCH AND HOPEFULLY COUNTER THIS ACTIVITY. KHALIL HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR POST FOR SOME TIME, AND WE NOTE ANNOUNCEMENT COINCIDES WITH NIMEIRI'S APRIL 14 PUBLIC CHARGE OF CONNECTIONS BETWEEN BEIRUT PRESS AND INTERNAL COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA (KHARTOUM 936 NOTAL). KHALIL'S BACKGROUND ALSO QUALIFIES HIM TO KEEP EYE ON ACTIVITIES OF SELF-EXILED, PERIPATETIC SUDANESE POLITICAL DISSIDENTS OF ALL STRIPES FOR WHOM BEIRUT IS LIKELY WATERING HOLE.

3. ABOVE PROBABLY EXPLAINS BEIRUT POSTING. AS TO WHY KHALIL BEING MOVED OUT OF SENSITIVE MILITARY INTELLIGENCE
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JOB, HE IS NEPHEW EX-PRIMIN ABDULLA KHALIL AND

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THUS IDENTIFIED WITH ONE OF OUTLAWED OLD-LINE PARTIES (UMMA). MORE SIGNIFICANTLY, KHALIL'S NAME HAS RECENTLY BEEN LINKED WITH THOSE OF FORMER MINFINANCE IBRAHIM MONEIM MANSOUR AND FOREIGN MINISTER MANSOUR KHALID, WHO WERE FIRED/DEMOTED IN RECENT GOVERNMENT RESHUFFLE.

4. ADDITIONAL AVAILABLE BIO DATA WILL BE SENT SEPARATELY.
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